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SUBJ: PRESS: SCATHING ATTACK AGAINST PRESIDENT BANDA

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 900 (NOTAL) (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 829

1. RECENT ISSUE OF DAILY NOTICIAS DA BEIRA CARRIED EDITORIA
BY J.F. JORGE ENTITLED "MALAWI: AN IMAGE OF BLACK FASCISM,"
WHICH CONTAINS SCATHING ATTACK AGAINST PRESIDENT BANDA. JORGE
ACCUSES BANDA OF:

(A) BEFRIENDING JORGE JARDIM, "DAUPHIN" OF SALAZAR AND WELL-

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KNOWN POLITICAL ADVENTURER IN PAY OF IMPERIALIST POWERS;

(B) BRUTAL, REPRESSIVE BLACK COLONIALISM, IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE EXPLOITED WITH SAME CRUELTY AS THAT OF INVADING SLAVE TRADERS OF PAST;
(C) UNDER GUISE OF POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, CONTINUING COLONIALISM THROUGH ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION;
(D) PROMOTING CAPITALISM, REACTIONARY FORM OF SOCIAL ORGANIZATION;
(E) SUPPORTING RACIST, TRIBAL, AND FASCIST IDEOLOGIES;
(F) PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR PIDE-DGS OPERATIONS AGAINST FRELIMO;
(G) MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FASCISTS; AND
(H) WELCOMING EX-PIDE AGENTS AND MERCENARIES.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE: THIS IS SECOND EDITORIAL IN PERIOD OF LAST WEEK ATTACKING FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE (OTHER BEING UGANDA PRESIDENT AMIN)--TYPE OF REPORTING WHICH FORMERLY RISKED HEAVY FINE. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER SOURCE, PRESENT PRESS (POST) CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES TOP EDITORS OF NEWSPAPERS, IS NOT REALLY FUNCTIONING. SOURCE SAID MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT STRIDENT, LEFTIST RHETORIC OF PRESS IS FRIGHTENING AWAY WHITE POPULATION AND WILL PROBABLY TAKE STEPS TO MAKE NEWSPAPERS ADOPT MORE MODERATE TONE. IN HIS OPINION, THEREFORE, JORGE EDITORIAL IS NOT NECESSARILY CONDONED BY GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT CONDONE APPEARANCE OF JORGE EDITORIAL, ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD MALAWI APPEARS COOL. MALAWI WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES DESERVING PUBLIC APPRECIATION FROM SAMORA MACHEL ON SEPTEMBER 20 (REF B).
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